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Public Act No. 17-116

AN ACT CONCERNING BOXING EVENTS AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS MATCHES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 29-143aa of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

(a) Any person, firm or corporation that employs, or contracts with, a person to be a boxer in a boxing match or competitor in a mixed martial arts match conducted pursuant to this chapter shall [be liable for any health care costs incurred by such competitor for the diagnosis, care and treatment of any injury, illness, disease or condition resulting from or caused by such competitor's participation in such match for the duration of such injury, illness, disease or condition] provide health insurance coverage and a death benefit on behalf of such boxer or competitor with respect to each match produced by such person, firm or corporation.

(b) Such health insurance coverage shall provide at least twenty thousand dollars of benefits for medical, dental, surgical and hospital expenses resulting from or caused by such boxer's or competitor's participation in such match. Such death benefit shall provide at least fifty thousand dollars to the estate of the boxer or competitor for the

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death of the boxer or competitor resulting from or caused by such boxer's or competitor's participation in such match.

Sec. 2. Section 29-143l of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

(a) The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, grant or deny an application for a license to conduct, hold or give any boxing or mixed martial arts match to any person, persons, club, corporation or association. [Before any such license is issued, the applicant shall execute and file with the commissioner a bond in such amount and form and with such surety as is determined by the commissioner, which bond shall be conditioned for the payment of the tax imposed by section 29-143m. Upon the filing and approval of such bond, the commissioner shall issue to such applicant a certificate of such filing and approval. No license shall be issued under this section until such bond is filed.]

(b) The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, revoke any license to conduct, hold or give any boxing or mixed martial arts match issued under this section for cause as provided in this chapter or in any regulation adopted under this chapter in accordance with chapter 54.

Sec. 3. Sections 29-143m and 29-143n of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2017*)

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